

## House Resolution 27

By: Representative O`Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 116th Air Control Wing of the United States Air Force; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their  
4 personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that  
5 all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of the 116th Air Control Wing of the United States Air Force have  
7 long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the vital role that they have played in  
8 leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United  
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, these military heroes, initially as citizen airmen of the 116th Bomb Wing which  
11 in 1996 met the challenge of converting from F-15 fighters to B-1B bombers, have diligently  
12 and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training and have served their country  
13 with honor and distinction; and

14 WHEREAS, following the deactivation of the 116th Bomb Wing in 2002, these patriots  
15 became part of the first ever blended Air National Guard and active duty wing in the United  
16 States Air Force; and

17 WHEREAS, their critical mission of battlefield surveillance continues today as these  
18 outstanding flyers serve in E-8C Joint STARS aircraft while maintaining their position as one  
19 of the premier units in the United States Air Force; and

20 WHEREAS, the Museum of Aviation, under the guiding hand of its director, Paul Hibbitts, has  
21 restored and is displaying a B-1B bomber as a permanent commemoration and tribute to all the  
22 past and current members of this unit; and

1 WHEREAS, their selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human  
2 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
3 accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized  
4 appropriately.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the  
6 members of this body commend the 116th Air Control Wing of the United States Air Force  
7 for its efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this  
8 country and state; recognize the outstanding service of the Museum of Aviation in its  
9 restoration and display of the B-1B bomber; and extend their most profound and sincere  
10 appreciation to them and all members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay  
11 the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and  
13 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the 116th Air Control Wing of  
14 the United States Air Force and to Paul Hibbits, director of the Museum of Aviation.